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REPUBLICAN MOVE GETS AIR TRAINING FOR NEGROES

Washington, D. C., September 18. — The newspapers of the country announce the designation by Robert H. Hinckley, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical college at Greensboro, and the West Virginia State college at Institute, both for the education of colored youth, among the 166 institutions of learning authorized to participate in the civilian pilot training program, authorized by Act of Congress, and approved by the President of the United States, June 27th.

The designation of these outstanding colored institutions "To train civilian pilots, or to conduct programs for such training, including studies and researches as to the most desirable qualifications for aircraft pilots" calls attention to the fact that this training is made possible by reason of an amendment offered in the House of Representatives by the Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois, during the debate on the bill April 19, 1939.

Congressional Record

The Congressional Record reports as follows:

Mr. Dirksen: Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment, which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The clerk read as follows: "Amendment offered by Mr. Dirksen: Page 2, line 4, strike out the period, insert a colon, and the following:

"Provided, that in the administration of this act none of the benefits of training or programs shall be denied on account of race, creed or color."

Mr. Dirksen addressed the House and said: "Mr. Chairman, the purpose of the amendment is very simple, indeed. It seeks only to prevent discrimination in the administration of this act in order to make possible the benefits of these programs to the Negroes of the United States.

"The House and the Senate wrote into the Auxillary Defense Act, which was approved by the President on the third of April, 1939, a provision to the effect that there should be no discrimination and that all the benefits of a civilian training program should be made available to Negroes as well.

Negro Soldiers Have Fought in All Wars of the Republic

"That is the purpose of the amendment which I have offered and I certainly hope there will be no objection. The national

defense idea has been emphasized at great length here this afternoon. May I advise the members of the House that the Negro citizenry of the country is moved by the same patriotic ardor and possessed of the same aptitude in any field of national defense as anyone else.

"Negro soldiers fought with General Braddock in 1775. There were three or four thousand Negroes in the Revolutionary Army.

"They made a splendid record in the war of 1812 and 17 Negroes received the Congressional Medal of Honor in the War of 1861.

"They made a splendid record in the Spanish American War and in the World War. The Eighth Illinois Infantry did yeoman service in the Spanish American War of 1898 and was commanded by a Negro colonel by the name of John Marshall.

"There are today over 350 Negro civilian pilots in the United States of America. Let no one say that the Negro has not the aptitude for flying the same as the members of any other race.

Assails Discrimination

"In view of the fact that they constitute a very integral portion of the population of this country, certainly the Congress does not want to discriminate against them. We have written in anti-discriminatory provisions in other enactments heretofore including the WPA act and the national defense act, which was signed by the President of the third of April, 1939.

"Certainly this House without a dissenting vote, ought to make sure that there will be no discrimination with respect to the program which is to be set up by the pending bill.

"Mr. Chairman, I hope my amendment will be agreed to. (Applause.)

Other Republican Support

In his effort, Mr. Dirksen was ably supported by the Hon. Walter G. Andrews, of New York, and Hon. Bruce Barton, of the same state, both Republicans.

The amendment was opposed by the Hon. Clarence F. Lea, (D-Cal.) Chairman of the ICFC of the House of Representatives, who reported the bill to the House.

However, when the question was taken and division called for, the amendment passed: Aye 71; Noes, 53.

The training which is to be provided for colored civilian pilots at W. Va. State and A and T college, Greensboro, and probably other colored institutions well, has been made possible by the group of stalwart Republicans

Institute, W. Va., September 14. — Young men throughout W. Va., and many other states are manifesting great interest in securing applications for the civilian pilot training program recently approved by the Civil Aeronautics authority for West Va., State college. Director J. C. Evans of the trade and technical division of the college is serving as the liaison officer to coordinate the relations between the college and the C. A. A. applications are being forwarded to young men between the ages of 18 and 25 as rapidly as requested.

All students interested in this program will receive in the class room or workshop 72 hrs., of ground instruction and thirty-five to 50 hours of flying instruction at Wertz field which adjoins the college grounds. The C. A. A. will pay the college 20.00 for each student in ground school instruction and the operator of the flying school from \$270.00 to \$290.00 for each student receiving flying training. The college will charge each student a laboratory fee of \$40.00.

Every effort is being exercised by the college to secure qualified students for pilot training. Preference is being given to young men who have to their credit at least one year of college work and much stress is being given by the college physician to the requirements of the CAA in physical fitness. President John W. Davis has indicated that all efforts of the college point to the CAA objective which is to train safely and adequately a large group of young men who give promise of interest and ability to continue flying activities as private pilots.

Fifth District Oil Men of State Ask Repeal of Federal Taxes

Bluefield, W. Va., Sep 13. —

The W. Va. Petroleum Association met in the West Virginian hotel to perfect a permanent organization of a Fifth District unit. Among the officers chosen O. E. Linkous, Welch, was elected vice-president for legislation.

A vigorous fight for repeal of the federal gas tax which costs W. Va. motorists \$2,100,000 a year.

Jupiter's Slowest Moon

Jupiter's slowest and most distant moon requires nearly three years to make the circuit around the planet.

Heavyweight Champ Joe Louis Still King Of the Boxing Game



— JOE LOUIS —

McDowell Negro Fair Oct. 5, 6, and 7

Entrants blanks for the first annual McDowell County Negro Fair are being filed daily by persons interested in exhibiting products at Coney Island, Oct. 5, 6 and 7, according to information received at the McDowell Times plant. Those who have not filed are requested to secure blanks either from the president of their local PTA, or from L. A. Watkins, assistant superintendent of Negro schools, and file them immediately so that the committee in charge of exhibits may plan for the displays.

Livestock, vegetables, fruits, handicrafts, canning, mining, in short products of practically all types, are to be displayed.

The popularity contest held in connection with the Fair is already arousing interest and fostering much competition. The young woman selling the most tickets for admission will be crowned "Miss McDowell."

Fair officials and the chairmen of the various committees are

General Officials

Clyde Johnson, president, of Maybeury.

Mrs. Sarah Page, 1st vice-president, Kimball.

Raymond Harris, 2nd vice-president, Powhatan.

G. E. Jordan, 3rd vice-president, Jaeger.

T. E. Woody, 4th vice-president, Excelsior, W. Va.

J. C. Henderson, 5th vice-president, Algoma.

Mrs. Dollie Bridgeman, Sixth vice-president, Gary.

Mrs. Hazel Eldridge, sec'y., of Welch.

J. H. Franklin, asst. sec'y. of Kimball.

J. B. Carroll, Treasurer, of Berwind, W. Va.

Home Department

Mrs. Mildred Miller, chairman.

School Exhibits
L. A. Watkins, chairman.

4-H and Better Homes and Gar.
Miss Altha Allen, chairman.

Farm Department
J. M. Belcher, chairman.

Scout Chairman
J. A. Shelton, of Welch.

Mining and First Aid
John Patterson, chairman.

Miscellaneous Chairman
Mrs. Mattie Craighead, Kimball.

Steering Committee
U. H. Prunty, chairman.

The membership of the various committees is composed of prominent and competent people from all sections of the county

PRODUCTION OF COAL NEAR ALL-TIME RECORD

Mines in the Norfolk and Western coalfields last week fell forty eight cars short of their all-time loading record, the fields having loaded a total of 20,485 equivalent 50-ton cars. The actual tonnage was estimated at 1,024,250 tons.

The all-time high loading record was established during the week ending March 27, 1937, when 20,533 equivalent 50-ton cars were loaded.

Stimulated by the European war the demand is not only growing from the home markets but the call for export coal is greater at this time than it has been in several years shippers report.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO INVESTIGATE DISCRIMINATION

New York, Sept. 19. — President Roosevelt, in his capacity as commander in chief of the United States army and navy, has been asked to appoint a mixed commission "to make a thorough investigation of the nature and extent of racial discrimination now existing in the armed forces" of the country.

The request, which came from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was contained in a letter sent to the nation's chief executive, September 15. The letter states unequivocally that, despite the fact that this country faces the possibility of being drawn into a second World War, the barbarism of which already appalls the world, "democracy is still denied to Negro Americans in the armed forces of the United States." The letter, which is signed by Walter White, executive secretary of the association, calls upon President Roosevelt to use his powers to remove these racial barriers before the county is drawn into war. The complete text of the letter is as follows:

"The world stands appalled at the reversion to barbarism in Europe. So-called civilized men are demonstrating that the only difference between them and jungle dwellers is the superiority of weapons of destruction of their fellowmen which so-called civilized beings have invented.

"There are many here and abroad who fear that our country may, sooner or later, be drawn into the conflict. May God grant that this may be averted.

"But we should not close our eyes to the possibility that the U. S. may be led by events and forces to set forth once again to save democratic government. If that unhappy time comes there will once again be appeals to Negro Americans to help 'make the world safe for democracy' even to the extent of laying down their lives. But even in the face of this possibility, democracy is still denied to Negro Americans in the armed forces of the United States. Rank prejudice is rife in every branch of the armed forces of our government—army, navy aviation, the marine corps, and every other department. Even in the construction of ships for our merchant marine which ships may play a very important part both in our national security and our economic well being, there is gross discrimination against qualified Negro workers.

"Repeated pleas to correct

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Joe had Pastor down on the floor four times in the first round from right hand punches, and again in the second the former New York university footballer was on the verge of annihilation. On two other occasions Bob was badly hurt. Yet each time the knock out spark was lacking. Joe was slow to take advantage of the opportunities and seemed unable to box with the gallant rival who came up off the floor defended beautifully, and even came back to carry the fight to the champion in the later heats.

Pastor tired however, and that in the end cost him the fight just past the mid way mark of the first scheduled 20-round title fight in a quarter of a century. Less than half a minute after the 11th round got under way, Lou's suddenly leaped in and fired a short right and Pastor went down.

He rose to his knees at the count of four, but could not go any further. There he huddled head hanging and blood dripping from a cut over his left eye, as Referee Sam Hennessy counted the full ten over him, finishing at the 33 second mark of the round to give Lou's the eighth successful defense of his title since he took it from Old Jim Braddock in 1937.

OHIO GUESTS HONORED

The home of Mrs. Gertrude Wright, War, Va. Wa., was the scene of a beautiful affair. A number of guests were invited for a social evening. Mrs. Lethia Fleming of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Lydia Warren of Columbus Ohio were the guests of honor.

A delicious buffet luncheon was served after a number of the guests had happily engaged in Chinese checkers, bridge and pinocle, and friendly chats.

Those present were: Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, Mrs. Lydia Warren, Mr. and Mrs. William Pugh of Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Miss Bernice Eaton, Mrs. J. C. Cooper Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harper, Mr. Wm. Pitts, Mrs. Ida Whittico Mrs. Peyton Gammon, Mr. J. B. Carroll, Mr. Carpentine Whitten Mr. David C. Coleman, and Mr. P. Ahmed Williams.

Is the War Phoney? English Ask

London, Sept. 20. (C.N.A.)—Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard wants to know why Britain is not giving more effective aid to the Poles.

"What kind of a war is this?" the newspaper asked editorially. "We ask it seriously. 19 out of 20 persons are asking this question: 'Are we making as decisive an attack upon Nazi-ism as our strength allows?'"